

AN ILLINOIS SNAKE.

Up Quarters in a Newspaper Office and Expels the Mice.

A very well-regulated printing office was a watering can in which water is used to wet the type. For want of a better place, the one in the Home office is usually kept on a wooden shelf on the north side of the press. One day during the recent week two of our printers were sitting on their stools at this window looking type, when they were nearly sufficed by the sight of a snake protruding its head above the sill from the outside. The boys almost broke their necks in getting away. Reaching over into the pan, the snake took good drink, and, before the startled printers could secure a club with which to dispatch the reptile, it had disappeared, says the Lacon (Ill.) Home Journal.

The next day at the same hour the ally came for another drink, and was in the room a third and fourth day, but the last time it was shot by the rear by a big black cat. The cat makes its home at Lester's livery barn, next door. It was a lively fight for a few seconds, but the cat was too much for the snake, although it was fully four feet long, and the reptile made some short for the rear of the office. The snake was after it like a streak of lightning, but the snake found a hole in the brick wall and disappeared under the building.

That was two weeks ago. Before that time the printing office was overrun with mice, but since then there hasn't been a mouse about the place. Any of our readers who are troubled with mice are cordially invited to come and borrow our snake gins for a few days.

ONE MACHINE GUN.

Properly Worked Is Equal in Effect to Two Hundred Rifles Well Handled.

The destructive power of the machine gun as compared to the small arm even in large numbers has been the subject of interesting trials abroad, reports of which have reached the navy department here, says the Baltimore Sun.

That one machine gun properly and effectively worked is equal to 200 rifles in the hands of as many soldiers has been amply demonstrated. Each shot from the machine gun works greater injury also to the body struck than the small bullet of the army rifle, and its range is far greater.

In recent trials 50 marksmen were chosen to compete with the Hotchkiss eight-millimeter gun, which has lately been widely adopted in France and Germany. The ranges fired were from 400 to 800 yards. At 800 yards the 50 riflemen, each having five rounds independently, obtained 54 hits, or 25.2 per cent. of the number of rounds fired. Thirty-two men were then chosen from among the 50, and these had to fire each eight rounds in 30 seconds. Under these conditions 54, or 13.3 per cent. of the rounds expended, were recorded.

The machine gun was then brought into action, and in 35 seconds fired 111 bullets, making 145 hits. It was shown from the results that the machine gun was far ahead in hits made and rapidity of fire. No such practical tests of the relative merits of the machine gun and a number of small arms have been made before.

WINDOWS CLEANED AT NIGHT.

Expedient Adopted in a Building to Tell That Workmen Have Come Back.

"We have introduced an innovation in our building, that is practiced nowhere else in town," said the agent of a New York skyscraper, reports the Sun. "We clean our windows at night."

"Our chief reason for the change was that from the very beginning our building has seemed to be a regular hoo-doo for window cleaners. Although no higher than a good many other buildings in town, the situation has the effect of making the cleaners lose their heads and no matter what precautions were adopted hardly a week passed that somebody did not fall and break his neck or his shoulder blade, or, at the very least, skin his crazy bone."

"After two or three score cleaners had been incapacitated for duty by tumbling out of our windows the whole fraternity began to fight shy of us. They all said that to look down at that particular section of the street made them so dizzy that they couldn't keep right side up even though tied to the sill, and at last, as a remedy, we suggested that the windows be washed at night when the distance to the sidewalk would be eliminated by the darkness."

"We found a man who seemed willing to risk his neck, and as he scrubbed all one night without suffering bodily injury, he agreed to serve us regularly thenceforward. So we have all the work done at night now."

Fire Plugs in Kansas Prairies.
The traveler over the Kansas prairies finds many towns that once had waterworks systems now containing only a dozen people. The fire plugs are sticking out in the buffalo grass and they are the playgrounds of prairie dogs and the roosting places of the prairie owls.

New York's Roof Dwellings.
On the roofs of some of the high buildings in New York little houses are erected in which dwell those connected with the care-taking of the structures. Families are reared there and all the business of life goes on as unconcerned as with those who dwell at a lower level.

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the wife of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she would die from pneumonia before morning," writes Mrs. N. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, which had more than once saved her life, and cured her of Consumption. After taking, she slept all night. Further use entirely cured her. This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all druggists.—Advt.

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When an article has been on the market for thirty years and has continually grown in favor with the public it is safe to assume that it has merit. This is true in the case of H. W. Johns' Liquid Paints. The demand for them has become well nigh world-wide—the result of the excellent qualities of the paint. Consumers who have used them have become convinced of their superior covering capacity and consequent economy. Carefully made by latest improved chemical methods, of high grade pigments, and pure Linseed Oil, they are the perfection of prepared paint, and it is not surprising that they have become generally recognized as the "Standard Paints for Structural Purposes." Owing to the greater durability of H. W. Johns' Liquid Paints as compared with ordinary grades, less frequent application is required, thus effecting a saving that is appreciated by the man who pays the bills. Intending purchasers of paint will find it to their interest to write H. W. Johns Mfg. Co., 100 William Street, New York, giving description of buildings to be painted, and secure from them suggestions as to coat treatment, in order to insure the use of harmonizing shades.

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THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF ESSEX COUNTY Building and Loan Association.

WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1901, AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M. IN ESSEX COUNTY BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING, No. 36 Broad Street.

For the purpose of receiving the report of the Treasurer and Auditing Committee; the election of four directors for three years, and three shareholders (not directors) as members of the Auditing Committee for one year; the payment of dues, interest, fines, and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting. Nominations for the directors and auditors must close at 8:30. Pulls open from 8:30 to 10 o'clock. The books of the Association will remain closed for ten days previous to the election; transfers of stock (to enable shareholders to vote) must be made before that time.

A New Series of Stock, the 23d, Will be Opened.

3,335 Shares of Stock have been issued by the Association since April, 1900.

Six Series matured and have been paid off since September, 1896, amounting to the sum of \$217,100.00.

Over \$1,300,000 have been disbursed by the Association in the sixteen years.

By order of the Board of Directors, FREDERICK E. LANGSTROTH, Secretary.

BLOOMFIELD, September 14, 1901.

NOTICE.

ESSEX COUNTY ORPHAN'S COURT.—In the matter of the sale of the lands of Bridget McGregor, deceased, for the payment of her debts. On petition etc.

By virtue of an order entered in the above stated matter on the thirtieth day of September, A. D. Nineteen Hundred and One, I shall sell at public vendue in the corridor of the Court House in the City of Newark, New Jersey, on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of October next, at three o'clock in the afternoon all the following described land and premises, with the appurtenances, being the same described in said order, that is to say:

All that certain tract or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Bloomfield in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Cross Street distant from the Northern corner of Montgomery Street and Cross Street four hundred and twenty feet; running thence North along the westerly side of said Cross Street one hundred and twenty feet; thence westerly along a contemplated Avenue toward Bloomfield sixty feet; thence Southerly to the land of Dominick Dunbar; thence Easterly sixty feet to Cross Street and place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to said Bridget McGregor by Luman A. Post and wife by deed dated September 1, 1876, and recorded in Book X of Deeds for said Essex County, on pages 118, Ac.

Dated Sept. 14, 1901. CHARLES F. WOODS, Administrator, Ac., of Bridget McGregor, deceased.

EDWIN A. RAYNER, Proctor.

TOAD ESCAPED THE BLAZE.

Embedded in a Lump of Coal the Inhabitant Had a Narrow Escape from Death.

The disbelievers who have smiled at the notion of a live toad being found in a lump of coal will be shocked by an event which has lately happened at Rugby, says the London Mail. The oft-derided toad has appeared from the midst of the ruins of the oft-derided lump of coal. The exhumed hermit is, moreover, now alive and is destined to be handed down to posterity in a hermetically sealed glass jar.

This historic toad was introduced to modern society through the instrumentality of a small poker, wielded in a utilitarian spirit by Mr. Clarke, of Heures villa, Bath street, Rugby. The happy event occurred, not in Heures villa as might be imagined, but in Mr. Clarke's office in North street, Rugby, where one morning three large lumps of Baddeley coal had been placed in the grate to encourage a dispirited fire.

Mr. Clarke took up the small poker. He smote one of these lumps of Warwickshire coal. It fell in pieces. Among them sat a good-sized toad of ink blackness. The toad did not wink for the very good reason that it apparently had no eyes. It has since developed them. Stranger still, it has no mouth.

Mr. Clarke fortunately rescued the toad from its peril and dropped it into a pail of water, where it revived. It is now able to crawl. Before it is consigned to its new tomb it is hoped that it will hop. As to its genuineness there can be no shadow of doubt, but unfortunately the cavity in the coal could not be preserved, as the lump, which had been smoldering on the fire for a considerable time, fell to pieces when struck with the poker.

That the toad is not the ordinary common or garden animal is patent to the most casual observer. A Daily Mail correspondent had an opportunity of examining it at Mr. Clarke's office the other day. Much of its sooty appearance disappeared in the water and it is now a dull brown. It has been sealed up in a glass and is to be submitted to the examination of experts.

As stated, it has no mouth, but small nostrils can be seen. There is a constant motion in the throat and also occasional motions of the sides, as the lungs contract and expand. Although its eyes are exceedingly bright, it does not see, this having been proved by placing a lighted match close to the toad's eyes without causing it to recoil.

GERMAN STEAMERS.

According to Andrew Carnegie They Must Soon Lead All Large Fast Boats.

As for the serious loss of the Atlantic express travel, a few words will explain why this was inevitable, writes Andrew Carnegie, in Nineteenth Century, keeping in view Britain's environment. The British steamship lines sailing between Liverpool and New York convey passengers to and from Britain only, with her 41,000,000 of people. The German lines sailing from Bremen and Hamburg to New York draw first from the whole of northern Europe, then touch at Southampton and draw part of the British travel, and content with this augmentation, crossing to Cherbourg, they draw from Paris and all southern Europe. Thus three line steamers of travel feed their enormous fast ships; the 300,000,000 of Europe are tributary to them; and homeward from America to Germany they draw all who wish to visit or have business with any of these millions, for the homeward ships touch also at Cherbourg, Southampton, or Plymouth, and land passengers. Against this the British lines have only tributary to them 41,500,000 of people who desire passage to New York, and returning from America to Britain, only those Americans who desire to visit the 41,500,000 for pleasure or business. It goes without saying that the German lines must inevitably lead in large, fast steamers. But no cause for pessimism here, because British ship-owners are neither unenterprising nor inefficient; they only show their good sense by recognizing the situation, and will hold more of the profit of Atlantic travel for Britain than if they attempted the impossible.

Spiced Drop Cakes.
Cream half a cup of sugar with the same amount of butter, add a cup of molasses, and mix well. Dissolve a small teaspoonful of soda in a little boiling water and mix in a cup of sour milk. Add this to the butter and sugar, together with one teaspoonful each of cinnamon, cloves and ginger, and four small cups of flour. Beat well and drop on buttered baking sheets or pans in large spoonfuls, letting them be high in the center. Bake until done in a moderate oven. Test by piercing with a straw.—Lester Monphy.

Mental Arithmetic.
Johnnie—Paw, how many weeks is they in a month?
Father—Four.
"An' how many weeks is they in a year?"
"Fifty-two."
"Twelve fours is 48, an'—say, paw, what becomes ut th' four weeks left over?"
"You go and tell your mother you want a piece of pie."—Ohio State Journal.

Spells Her Trip.
We don't care who the woman is, if she enjoys her home, a trip for her out of town is spoiled when she thinks that she left the south shutters open and the sun is fading her carpet.—Acheson Globe.



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ESSEX ORPHAN'S COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES F. WOOD, ADMINISTRATOR OF BRIDGET MCGREGOR, DECEASED: RULE TO SHOW CAUSE. The said Administrator, having made and exhibited to this Court, under oath, a just and true account of the personal estate and debts of the said deceased, as far as he can discover the same, and it appearing that the personal estate of said Bridget McGregor is insufficient to pay her said debts, and praying the aid of the Court in the premises.

The Court therefore order that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased person appear before this Court on Friday, the thirtieth day of September next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why so much of the lands and real estate of the said deceased, in the County of Essex, should not be sold as will be sufficient to pay her said debts or the residue thereof, as the case may require.

Dated June 28, 1901.
ALFRED F. SKINNER, Judge.
JOSEPH W. ELLOR, Surrogate and Clerk.
EDWIN A. RAYNER, Proctor.

(Chancery A-512)
SHERIFF'S SALE.—In Chancery of New Jersey.—Between L. Sternberg & Co., complainants, and Rose A. Alving et al., defendants. Pl. fa. for sale of mortgaged premises.

By virtue of the above stated writ of fieri facias, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Courthouse in Newark, on Tuesday, the tenth day of September next, at two o'clock P. M. all that tract or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Franklin street with the westerly side of Berkeley avenue the late Weaver road; running thence northerly along the westerly side of said Berkeley avenue two hundred feet; thence westerly and parallel with Franklin street, or nearly so, one hundred and fifty-seven feet to land of one Allison; thence southerly and along the land of said Allison two hundred feet to the northerly side of Franklin street one hundred and fifty-three feet to the point or place of beginning.

Newark, N. J., August 5, 1901.

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